

HOME HAPPENINGS.

YESTERDAY'S OCCURRENCES IN AND ABOUT RICHMOND.

Meetings of the Committees on Finance and Fire—Caledonia Butler Discharged.
A man instantly killed at the Tredegar City and County News.

The Committee on Finance met in the Chancery Court room yesterday evening at 6 o'clock for the purpose of considering the appropriation of \$25,000 in 5 per cent. bonds for the benefit of the gas works.

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VIRGINIA STATE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL SOCIETY.
The resolution from the Common Council inquiring why the \$20,000 indebtedness of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical Society had not been legally converted into stock of the society or the stock and bonds exchanged.

The committee thought that the stock and bonds had been exchanged, and that this entire matter had been settled.

A committee consisting of two councilmen and one alderman was recommended to the City Council for appointment to look into the matter.

THE FIRE COMMITTEE.
The Fire Committee met in the Council Chamber last night at 7:30 o'clock, half an hour later than the time for which it was called. Present: Messrs. Taylor (chairman), Davis, Masson, Carter, and Mitchell.

The first business considered was the resolution introduced in the Board of Aldermen last Monday night by Mr. Crump, providing for the organization of a fire company to be located at some point between Federal and Charity streets on the north and south, and First and St. Peter streets on the east and west.

The committee favored the resolution, but having no authority to act, returned the resolution to the Board with the recommendation that it be referred to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

The committee granted a number of permits to build wooden houses, and then adjourned.

THE COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Examining Applicants for Vacancies.
Superintendent Fussell, who always works for the good of the county, has been for the past two days busily entertaining the ladies.

Yesterday eighteen young ladies sat behind the bar at Henrico County Court-house, and surrounded the clerk's desk. They were there writing out answers to printed questions which had been prepared by Superintendent Fussell.

The papers written by these young ladies will be considered by the Superintendent, and the names of the teachers or a part of them given out next Saturday.

The colored teachers were present Friday and wrote three answers to questions.

There are seventy schools in Henrico county. Of these forty are white and thirty are colored. All the white schools are taught by white teachers and all the colored schools are taught by colored teachers.

There are about from fifteen to eighteen vacancies to be filled this year among the teachers, because a number of the teachers of last session have gotten married or resigned.

There are thirty-three colored and eighteen white applicants for the positions.

Those of the old teachers of either color hold over, no examination being required of school teachers who have already served a term.

THE EXPOSITION.

List of Premiums for the Bench Show.

The Virginia Field Sports Association have published a very neat pamphlet, containing a list of premiums to be awarded at the bench show at the Exposition next October, beginning October 9th and continuing to October 12th inclusive.

The rules and regulations to govern the show are also published, and are circulated among all the prominent persons who have good hunting and fox dogs, and who love this character of sport.

Mr. J. M. Tracey, a noted dog fancier, will be the judge of the dog setters.

The entries to the bench show will close on October 1st.

The form of entry requires the name of the dog, color, date of birth, breeder, owner of dam at time of breeding and name of sire and dam.

Persons who desire to enter their dogs should communicate with the Secretary of the Virginia Field Sports Association, Mr. Barton H. Grundy.

Miss Van Lew's Hammock.

Yesterday morning in the Police Court William Green, a negro youth, was charged with having in his possession a hammock, and with stealing the same from the yard of Miss Eliza Van Lew.

Policeman Kerse caught Green with the hammock in his possession, and Green told several stories as to how he got it. He admitted in court that many articles, fruits, hammocks, etc., were taken from the premises and that he saw all this done, and that they were bought by him from other boys. The court shook his head at a story such as that, and gave William Green thirty days in jail.

Miss Van Lew congratulated Police Justice Crutchfield on his judgment, and after shaking hands departed smiling.

Mr. Johnston Discharged.

Mention has been made repeatedly of P. Calvin Johnston obtaining \$18 under false pretenses from W. V. Stone. This was a question in regard to false teeth, and in the absence of evidence the accused was discharged by the court.

MISS BUTLER'S CASE.

Finally Disposed of by Her Acquittal.

The case of Miss Caledonia Butler, charged with stealing a remnant of ribbon from Cohen Brothers, was ended yesterday by her discharge.

The case was set for 1 o'clock, and at that hour Mr. S. Taylor Evans, of counsel for the accused, arose and stated that while several continuances had been asked for, the defense had never been afraid to meet the issue. He thought it useless to hear the cloud of witnesses around a Miss Butler would herself make a clear and succinct statement.

Mr. Samuel B. Witt of counsel stated that Miss Butler had been sent by Mrs. Wise, a lady in the same business as Miss Butler, dress-making, to get a piece of ribbon to match a certain dress in Cohen Bros. store, where she had often purchased goods, she picked up a piece of ribbon; a porter saw her do so, and when the porter caught up with her she gave the piece of ribbon up at once and told him she had no intention of stealing.

Frank Albright, the yellow porter, told what has already been published; how he saw Miss Butler throw something in her umbrella, and subsequently walk out with a piece of ribbon. He reported the fact to Mr. Sam Cohen and was told to follow her and get the article back. He overtook her near Franklin and Fourth streets, when she promptly gave up the ribbon the moment she was asked for it.

Albright then went on to say that Miss Butler asked him to go home with her, and there offered him a banjo and a suit of old clothes to say nothing about the matter.

To Mr. Witt, Albright said he did not know what she put in the umbrella. She had the piece of ribbon in her hand when she left the store, and had it in her hand when he accosted her. Her language was "For gracious sake don't spread this, for it will ruin me in the community if Mr. Cohen's charge is known."

Mr. Samuel Cohen said he knew nothing personally about the matter; nothing but what his porter told him. He saw Albright throw up his hand with the ribbon. Did not know the lady's name until three hours afterwards. He stated further that his own wife nor himself could take anything out of the store unless the bookkeeper was given a memorandum of it and a record made of the same.

Miss Butler then took the stand. She made a full free and undisguised statement of the entire affair. She was searching for trimmings for her brother's wife's dress, and some ribbon for another lady's dress. She went to Cohen's, as had been her custom, and saw Mr. Jennings who told her then that he was busy but would be at leisure shortly. She told him she was also in a hurry but could wait a little while. Subsequently Mr. Jennings told her that the stock of ribbon of the kind she wanted was so picked over that she would not be satisfied. You can look over the stock any old walk along and see if you can find what you want, at the same time handing her sundry samples of other goods she wanted. Among the ribbons in a show case near the door she saw a sample of ribbon of the kind she wanted, and took it up, looked at it, and not thinking she was doing wrong carried it away with her in her hand open and above board to take to Mrs. Wise, with the full intent of returning to get a supply of it.

The package she dropped in the umbrella was exhibited in court, and consisted of a package prepared for mailing, which she could not get in the letter-box, and dropped in the umbrella for safe-keeping for fear of losing.

When the boy caught up with her she was astonished. She told him please don't mention this, because I would not like for my friends to know that I was accused by Mr. Cohen of taking things from his store.

She further stated that Policeman Walton had on search warrant examined every article of furniture in her residence and had found no stolen goods.

One of the Messrs. Cohen remarked afterwards to Justice Crutchfield that he would have been willing to pay \$100 for that decision.

Miss Butler was congratulated on all sides and left the court-room with her many friends.

Police Notes.

In the Police Court yesterday but little business was done.

Moses William Page and Henry Page were tried on the charge of fighting and creating a disturbance in the public streets and in the bar room of Stephens & Butler. They were fined \$5 and costs each, and the amount was paid.

A number of persons who had been disagreeable to people in the public streets were before the court. One of the defendants was not confronted with his accusers, and was discharged.

A number of drunkards were given the regular fine of \$2.50 and costs.

Failed to Prosecute.

John B. Morris, knowing he had drank too much, was escorted to the gambling rooms of Press Knuckles opposite the St. James Hotel on Twelfth street, and there became the guest of John W. Broadnax and Press Dowdy. This happened on Thursday night, and the unfortunate loser left \$198 in the hands of the parties who won it from him. A warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Broadnax and Press Dowdy. Both were found, but the man who lost the money failed to put in an appearance.

Electric fans at the Museum.

THE SOCIAL WORLD.

MOVEMENTS OF OUR CITIZENS DURING THE WEEK.

Where They Have Gone or Propose Going for Rest, Pleasure and to Avoid the Heat—Interesting News Gathered by Our Society Man.

Mr. Mason Dillard is at Millboro.
Dr. Thomas N. Page is in Atlanta.
Mrs. Janet Walton is in Wytheville.
Miss Evelyn Watkins is in Gordonsville.

Dr. J. A. White and family are in Wytheville.

The Misses Putney went to Afton Wednesday.

Mr. C. A. Woolfolk and wife are now in California.

Mr. Thomas N. Carter left last week for the White.

Miss Sallie Boppy is the guest of friends in Manchester.

Mr. Gray Watson will go to New York next month.

Miss Beckwith of West Grace street is at Blue Ridge Springs.

Miss Poe is the guest of Miss Lula Watkins in Ashland.

Misses Kate Ettinger and Lola Mitchell are in Gordonsville.

Mrs. Colonel John A. Sloan, formerly of this city, is here on a visit.

Miss Nannie Campbell of South Third street went to Millboro last week.

Miss Gary of this city is visiting her uncle, Dr. C. B. Jones, in Ashland.

Mr. E. A. Saunders and wife and daughter went to the White Sulphur this week.

Miss Annie Eaker and sister of West Main street have gone to the mountains.

Mrs. Dr. Robinson is in Wytheville, where she will stay most of the summer.

The Misses Harvie, daughters of Dr. Harvie, are summering at Beckners, Va.

Miss Ella Hundley, of Marshall street, is the guest of friends in Harrisonburg.

Mr. Gardner Coan went to King and Queen county for a month's stay yesterday.

Miss Amanda Volkman has returned home much improved from a trip to Norfolk.

The Misses Barber, of Leigh and Eighth streets, are going South in a few days.

Miss Goodson of New York is staying with Miss Madge Redmond on West Main street.

Mr. E. Y. Cannon and wife and son sailed yesterday from New York for Europe.

Mr. Colonel William P. Mumford will go to Fluvanna county to-morrow for a brief stay.

T. William Pemberton and family expect to leave for Deer Park, Maryland, last of this week.

Mr. E. A. Saunders, Jr., and wife are now at the Natural Bridge. Mr. Saunders returns this week.

Mrs. Maggie Benson left with her cousin, Mr. Mayo, Saturday morning for the White Sulphur.

Mr. John Towles and wife are the guests of Mr. J. J. Brooks at Massaponax Church, near Fredericksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holmes will leave the city to-morrow for the Cold Sulphur Springs, where they will spend the month of August.

Miss Kate Arnold and Adie Johnson of this city with Mrs. Carrington of Manchester, are visiting Mrs. M. E. Thompson in Fredericksburg.

Mr. R. H. Fox, who has been absent from the city for three weeks visiting Vernon Springs in North Carolina, returned yesterday morning.

Mrs. John H. Roach and her sister, Miss Letha Carter, who have been in King and Queen county, have returned to their home, No. 1621 North Fifth street.

It was Miss Bessie Lay (daughter of the Judge), not Lee as printed in some papers, who was prevented by indisposition from accompanying Governor Lee's family to the Montgomery White.

Mrs. Owen Bearse, Jr., and daughters, of Massachusetts, are expected to arrive in the city to-day, and be joined by Mr. Bearse, when the family will leave for the mountains of Virginia after spending a few days here.

LOCAL NOTES.

The Henrico Committee were in session yesterday and discussed at length, and finally decided that it would be a splendid plan to publish a pamphlet setting forth the many beauties and the fertile features, the productions and advantages of Henrico county.

Sophia A. George qualified yesterday as executrix of Gideon B. George in the Chancery Court. Mr. George committed suicide in the State Penitentiary some weeks ago, where he was present as manager of the shoe firm of Mr. Davis. His estate was estimated at \$5,000.

The Board of Public Interest will meet to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock in the Council Chamber. This Board will have very little business before it if any at all, but the law requires them to meet monthly whether there is any thing for them to do or not.

Among the marriage licenses issued yesterday in Washington was one to John B. Peyton and Mollie Walsh, both of Richmond, Va.

Mr. Harry Tompkins and Miss Clara Tompkins will perform a medley and a galop on the banjo at the Mozart musicale to-morrow night.

Lavigne Sisters Musae Monday.

Continued.

James Melton and Joseph Christian, charged with felonious action, a case continued from time to time, was yesterday continued until next Wednesday, August 8th.

Hughes' Musae Theatre Monday

BOWERY'S DEATH TRAP.

LATEST FROM THE LAST NEW YORK HOLOCAUST.

The List of Victims Constantly Increasing. Sorrowful Scenes From the Ruins. Twenty Killed—Firemen Rush to the Rescue—Nine Unidentified Bodies.

New York, August 4.—Twenty men, women, and children were hemmed in by the flames at 197 Bowery, yesterday, and lost their lives.

Search for bodies in the ruins was continued by the firemen throughout the night. This morning the body of a woman, supposed to be Miss Meyer, a tailor of No. 11 Ludlow street, was found on the ground floor of the burned building under a heap of rubbish.

The floor was burned to a crisp, and it can only be surmised who the woman was.

Shortly after the finding of this body a report was circulated that two more bodies, apparently of men, had been found. This report proved correct.

One of them had so entirely lost semblance of human shape as to be mistaken for a roll of burned cloth. It was passed by under that impression last night. At 11 o'clock the bodies found this morning were taken to the morgue, and the firemen having overhauled the building from the cellar to the roof left it in charge of the fire patrol.

A squad of police stationed in the vicinity of the ruins to keep back the crowds of sight-seers had great difficulty in keeping the throngs moving. Shortly before noon Lawyer Stern, who owned the building, appeared on the scene and requested the firemen to make another search so as to make double sure that no more bodies are in the ruins. His wish will be complied with later. Mr. Stern is making arrangements to bury all the victims of the fire at his own expense. He says that this is the least he can do for the relatives of the unfortunate victims.

A brother of a young tailor named Reuben Levine also made anxious inquiries of the police concerning Reuben, whom he says he has not seen since the fire. The police believe that he is one of the victims. His death is peculiarly sad, his wife and little child are now on the ocean en route to join him in this country.

There are nine unidentified bodies at the morgue, victims of the fire. Nearly all of the unidentified bodies are buried beyond any hope of recognition. Hym in Graft, the tailor, who lost his wife and two children by the fire, was a pitiful object as he went from one black mass to another in search of the body of his wife.

He was sure he recognized it in one of the charred bodies last night, but a lady friend having informed him that there were corpses on the remains, and he knew his wife were none, he sadly concluded that the body was not hers. He was about to leave the morgue, when a wagon drove up containing a body recovered from the ruins this morning. This he recognized as that of his wife. This woman is the one who, it was stated in the dispatches last night, gave birth to a child while confined in her burning apartment. Examination proves that this was not the case. While it is believed that all the bodies have been recovered from the ruins, it is not improbable that the bodies of three unfortunate still remain among them.

HOTTEST OF THE YEAR.

Warm Weather Come to Stay, but Temporary Relief Expected.

The Washington Star of yesterday says: "The hot weather has come to stay. The predictions of the Signal Office announce a continuation of the high temperature to-day, with local rains and thunder storms this evening, followed by slightly cooler weather to-morrow. At 8 o'clock this morning the thermometer was 78, nine degrees higher than at the same hour yesterday morning. Yesterday's maximum was 89 degrees, but the presence of nearly 100 degrees of moisture made the atmosphere oppressive."

"The heat to-day was intense, and the records of the Signal Office showed that it exceeded that of any day of the year. At 2 o'clock the official thermometer registered 94 degrees, but in the stores along the Avenue the mercury climbed several degrees higher."

Accused of Doing Business Without License.

There was an interesting case before Justice Crutchfield yesterday morning, it being that of the arrest of John E. Spindle, on a warrant that he had unlawfully solicited, procured, and received application for membership in, and for, or on behalf of the Fidelity Mutual Aid Association, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. J. Samuel Parish was present as counsel of the National Mutual Aid Association, and Commonwealth's Attorney Spotswood stated that he preferred leaving the conduct of the case with Mr. Parish.

Mr. Parish said he had no disposition to prosecute Mr. Spindle. He preferred that the representative of the Washington Company be let alone. He simply wanted, in behalf of the Mutual Aid Company who paid a full life insurance license tax, that Mr. Spindle's company do not do business without paying a similar tax.

Mr. Parish also stated that he was not present as counsel to prosecute anybody. All he wanted was to stop companies doing business without paying the license required by law.

Police Justice Crutchfield sent the case on to the grand jury of the Hustings Court and recognized Mr. Spindle for his appearance. The Court suggested to Mr. Spindle that he would be violating the law while his case was pending should he in the meantime carry on the business for which he had been arrested for prosecuting.

He stated that he had no intention of collecting any more money from the patrons of the society which he represented until the matter had been fully passed on by the Hustings Court.

FIRE AT BLACKSTONE.

Ten Buildings Consumed—Narrow Escape of the Town.

(Special to the Times.)

PETERSBURG, VA., August 4.—The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of this city received a telegram from Mayor Epps of Blackstone early this morning, saying that the town was on fire, and asking for assistance. A special train was tendered by the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company, and a fire engine and one hose cart and thirty firemen were at once sent to Blackstone, arriving there, however, too late to do any good, as the fire had been gotten under control by the citizens.

The fire originated in the tobacco warehouse of the Smith Warehouse Company, and spread very rapidly, consuming ten buildings, besides several stables and out-houses. The loss will amount to \$30,000, on which there was an insurance of \$12,500. The largest losers are the Smith Warehouse Company and E. C. McCulloch.

But for the wind shifting and dying out the entire town would have been destroyed. The steamer from this city could not be used, as there was no water to be had.

LOUISA COURTHOUSE.

Out of the Ashes—Louisiana at the Exposition—Bank, Political, Religious and Agricultural News—The "Times."

(Special Correspondence.)

LOUISA, C. H., August 3, 1888.—Editor Times: Once more this town has put on its quondam business look. Out of the ashes and ruins left by the disastrous flames which swept over a large part of it in January last, have sprung a number of attractive and substantial business houses, and the locality upon which they have been erected has been appropriately christened "Phoenix Block."

The sufferers from the fire have endeavored to guard against a similar accident, and have built brick houses with tin roofs. The Board of Supervisors of this county have made an appropriation of \$400 to have the resources of the county properly displayed at the Exposition in your city this fall. Mr. J. J. Porter, the commissioner in charge of the county exhibit, is endeavoring to interest the citizens of the county, so that Louisa may not be behind her sister counties in offering attractions to those from other climes in search of a home.

Several capitalists here have stock in the Commercial Bank of Roanoke, which will be opened in "Maggie City" September 1st, with J. B. Levy, Esq., of this place, as cashier. Mr. Levy has been for years the accommodating and efficient agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company at this place, and the company will lose a good officer in his retirement from their service. Dr. J. S. Burrows has received the appointment as his successor.

So far, no opposition to the renomination to Hon. W. H. F. Lee in this congressional district has been made known here. General Lee has made an able and conscientious representative, and has the confidence of his people. He is deservedly popular in this county, and will doubtless receive the support of the delegates to the nominating convention when one shall have been determined upon.

A fine residence is in process of construction for Mr. George K. Anderson, our commonwealth's attorney. One of more of our citizens contemplate building before the winter sets in. The corn crop in this section is looking well, and the wheat yield is good.

The Piedmont District Convention of Christians, in session at Gordonsville, will close this evening. The season for protracted meetings is upon us, and cold, fried chicken, solicited slaves, and sought after pastors are seen and heard in the land.

It is refreshing to read the able, incisive editorials of the Times after being afflicted with the vapid and off-putting attempts with which some papers are filled, and your paper deserves increased prosperity and support.

ALMOST INSTANTLY KILLED.

Fatal Accident at the Tredegar.
Yesterday morning about half-past 9 o'clock Philip Brooks, employed at the Tredegar Works, was nearly instantly killed.

The circumstances were: He was leaning with his arms folded on a box near where a large pulley, and a broad belt ran. He was resting, and after a while turned around and made a step to one side. There is something like a shallow pit just in rear of where he was resting, which is a dark place anyhow, and the broad belt passed along there. The other workmen could not tell how it happened, but as Brooks turned, somehow he got caught by the leg and was drawn by the belt over a pulley and thrown on a pile of iron.

Coroner Taylor was at once notified, and he got to the scene shortly after 10 o'clock. He examined the body without removing the clothing and did not find that it had been crushed in any way. He was rather of the opinion that death was caused more by the body being thrown on the pile of iron than by the belt drawing the body. The leg which got caught was badly injured.

Brooks' body was taken in the ambulance to his home on Carrington street, Union Hill.

Base-Ball.

The following is the result of the League games played yesterday: Detroit, 3; Pittsburgh, 5. Chicago, 7; Indianapolis, 3. Boston, 6; New York, 12. Washington, 0; Philadelphia, 2.

THE BEER-DRINKERS VS. THE SIDNEY PETS.
A game was played at Clark Springs yesterday afternoon between the Beer Drinkers of Oregon Hill and the Sidney Pets. It resulted in a defeat of the Pets by a score of 9 to 2. The batteries were: For the Drinkers, Thomas and Blankenship; for the Pets, Baker and Gardner. The feature of the game was two running catches by Freeman, of the Pets.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE LATEST REPORTS BY MAIL AND WIRE.

Curious Death from Leprosy in Iowa.
Burlington Strikers Condemned—Destructive Rains Abroad—Two Thousand Men on a Strike.

St. Louis, August 4.—A special from Le Grande, Iowa, gives particulars of the death of Mrs. Helena Helverson, of that place, from leprosy. The case has attracted considerable attention. The victim was born in Norway twenty-nine years ago. There was no trace of the disease in the family for several generations, and no exposure or contagion, and the physicians attribute the case to one of leprosy's freaks, that of skipping several generations. The woman located in Iowa in 1886 was married, but had no children. She first complained of illness in Norway, September, 1885, the pains complained of being erratic in chest, shoulders, and arms. The disease was obscure until last June, when it began to develop rapidly, death following yesterday.

It is the second death from leprosy in Iowa, both of the victims being from Norway.

BLINKY MORGAN'S DEATH.

He Makes a Fearful Struggle for Life on the Scaffold.

COLUMBIA, O., August 4.—"Blinky" Morgan made an awful fight for life yesterday morning. The trap was sprung at 1:22. He fell seven feet, and the straps came off his arms and he began trying to pull the rope off his neck. The physicians grabbed his hands and held them until he died of strangulation. It was 24 minutes before his heart ceased to beat, and he died a terrible death, drawing his legs up and kicking in a frightful manner.

Morgan made a statement to Warden Coffin, Thursday, that is looked upon by some as being a confession of his guilt. During his conversation the warden suggested to Morgan that if he had told his whereabouts on the night of the tragedy his life could probably be saved. Morgan said: "It would do no good at this stage of the game, and, besides, it would cause others a great deal of trouble."

Afterward Morgan went on to state that it would ruin two women if he told where he was at the time of the Morgan's rescue.

Burlington Strikers Condemned.

CINCINNATI, August 4.—A Lincoln, Neb., special says: The hearing of the rate cases by the State Board of Transportation has been adjourned to September 2. Secretary Mason of the Board, has filed a twenty-page type writer report on the Burlington strike, which is concurred in by the Board. In conclusion it states that the strike of the Brotherhood of Engineers, on February 27, and their attempt to dictate whom the railroad company should employ was clearly illegal, and the Brotherhood was liable for conspiracy and for damages sustained thereby. The report further says that the engineers and firemen now in the Burlington's employ are just as competent as those who went out on the strike.

A Too Practical Joke.

Annandale Williams, Julius Noah and Alfred Foster are three negro boys who are employed at a brick yard in Rockets. They handle the bricks as they are made and help to make the fire at the kiln. They also go to sleep, but it sometimes happens that all do not sleep at the same moment.

It has been a custom among the three boys to build a slight fire at each other's feet when one was asleep and the others awake. It was done to see the sleeping boy jump. He jumped always. Well, on July 24th Alfred Foster went to sleep and Annandale and Noah did not feel satisfied in burning a little tinder at Alfred's feet, but built a great big fire out of rags, etc., all around the boy's pedal extremities and with such effect that the victim not only jumped, but cannot now walk.

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